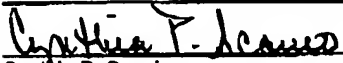


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**SUPPLEMENTAL BRIEF**

Applicant hereby submits the Evidence Appendix and the Related Proceedings Appendix to supplement its Brief filed May 11, 2005.

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## **IX. EVIDENCE APPENDIX**

Attached is an affidavit of Gary Veselica submitted in the above case with the Response filed on May 11, 2004.

**X. RELATED PROCEEDINGS APPENDIX**

There are no related proceedings.

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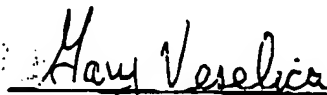
### **DECLARATION OF GARY VESELICA**

I, Gary Veselica, state that I am an inventor in the above case.

During the course of working on this invention, we tested the slip torque after heat aging of phosphated surfaces to four different cured rubber members under identical circumstances. A graph representing the results of those tests are attached hereto.

As shown in the attached graph, the testing indicated that the heat aging improved the slip torque between the metal and EPDM and ethylene acrylate but decreased with respect to nitrile rubber and SBR rubber. This result was totally unexpected.

The undersigned hereby declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true and further these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and such other willful false statements might jeopardize the validity of the application of any patent issuing thereon.

  
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Gary Veselica

# Slip Torque vs Heat Age

Slip at 23C.

